

Different Points of View

Post-visit activity connection to Cloud Theater

Grade level/standards: **2nd grade** CCSS RL.2.6; **3rd grade** CCSS RL.3.6; **4th grade** CCSS RL.4.6; **5th grade** CCSS RL.5.6

Concepts: looking at things from a different point of view

Materials needed:

Copy of the book "The Littles and the Trash Tinies" by John Peterson.

Procedure:

1. Read the book to the class especially Chapter 1 and 2. The Littles are small people who are very small; therefore, see things from different points of view from most people.
2. Discuss how a regular kitchen would look to someone only a few inches big. Have the students sit on the floor and look up at things to see what they look from a different angle.
3. Review how the video in the "Cloud Theater" allowed them to see things as if they were underneath rather than looking at things the way they normally do.
4. Have the students create writing samples using a different point of perspective:
 - a. Write a script for a talk show from the point of view of a little person like the Littles describing a common everyday event.
 - b. Write a story from the point of view of a piece of pizza in a trash can as a raccoon is trying to get in.
 - c. Write a play about a cat and mouse chase through the eyes of an ant.
 - d. If you had the ability to become very tiny, what non-living item or place would you like to be able to enter to explore? Write a news story relating your findings.

What's Happening:

Point of view is the angle of considering things, which shows us the opinion, or feelings of the individuals involved in a situation. In literature, point of view is the mode of narration that an author employs to let the readers "hear" and "see" what takes place in a story, poem, etc.

Book List: (teachingkidsbooks.com)

1. I Didn't Do It! By Patricia MacLachlan
2. Atlantic by C. Brian Karas
3. An Interview with Harry the Tarantula
4. Eeek, Mouse! By Lydia Monks
5. Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg

Extension Activity:

Have the students make similar type of video that they saw in the "Cloud Theater".